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Launching Bradfordlicious at 4 the Halibut Diner on February 1 - from right, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffler, sponsors Dr. Zaid Baraz and wife Miriam, and promoter Ricky Brooks, sampling a "Sweet & Spicy Carrot Soup" created for the Festival of food.

Bradfordlicious - a culinary exploration of restaurants in Bradford West Gwillimbury - returns for a second year, all during the month of February.

Fifteen participating restaurants are offering special 3-course meals for \$20.15 or lunch for \$10.15, to entice diners during what is usually the coldest, bleakest month of the year. This year, there's a new twist to Bradfordlicious. Restaurants have been challenged to come up with a signature Carrot Soup - since what could be more "Bradford" than carrots from the Holland Marsh? The Holland Marsh Growers' Association has donated 50 lb. bags of carrots to 11 participating restaurants, competing for a new trophy for "Best Soup," in addition to the awards for Best Restaurant, Best Chef, and Best Customer Service. The month-long festival was launched on February 1, at 4 the Halibut Restaurant on County Rd. 27, just north of Bond Head. Presenting sponsor Summerlyn Dental Care's

Dr. Zaid Baraz was on hand for the launch - along with promoter Ricky Brooks, and members of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council, including Mayor Rob Keffler. "This is great for our Town - a great way to publicize small town businesses, our restaurants," said Mayor Keffler. "It's great for the local community to support local businesses, and it funnels down to the farms - thank you!" Brooks explained that Bradfordlicious is not only a festival of food, but a fundraiser. This year, \$1 from every special 3-course meal sold will be going to the President's Choice Children's Charity - appropriately, for in-school Breakfast Programs, "to fight hunger in Bradford," Brooks said. "Through each bite we take we are supporting our local restaurants, our local farmers, and children in need."

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Hockey Day in BWG

The 7th annual Hockey Day in Bradford West Gwillimbury takes place Saturday, February 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Bud Brown Memorial Park and the Bond Head Community Hall in Bond Head. Includes a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Bond Head Lions, starting at 8 a.m., followed by the outdoor Pond Hockey Tournament for Tyke and Novice teams at 8:30 a.m., and airbrush tattoos and strolling entertainment inside the Bond Head Community Hall at 9 a.m. The Lions will serve up a BBQ lunch at 11 a.m. Come out and watch hockey the way it must be played – on an outdoor rink!

Also inside the Hall, Bradford's Simcoe Masonic Lodge and the Union Masonic Lodge of Schomberg host a free Child Identification event, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Masonic Child P. Program provides parents with an identification kit, containing paint, fingerprints, dental impressions, a saliva swab as well as traditional statistic information.

New policy proposed for Town grants

The previous Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Council asked Director of Legal Services/Clerk Rebecca Murphy to help come up with a new policy, to deal with requests for Town funding for organizations and special events.

Every year, Council receives numerous requests for funding – which currently are decided on an "ad hoc" or case-by-case basis.

In addition to promotional events and partnerships with the Town's Economic Development office, which include the Bradford Board of Trade's Business Awards and Town & Country Living Show, requests for cash have come in from groups and organizations that include local High Schools, BWG Studio Arts Centre, South Simcoe Arts Council, and Chillifit. There is a \$5,000 "Council Grants" budget – but

it is "always overspent. The Clerk's Dept. gets oodles of requests," Murphy said. "I think we can do a better job of accounting for these monies."

There were several suggestions from Council. Deputy Mayor James Leduc recommended increasing the grant fund to at least \$10,000, and setting new criteria for the applications. "If we're going to hand out tax dollars, it needs to have a direct impact on Bradford."

Mayor Rob Kellner proposed an alternative to tax revenues, as the source of grant monies. Instead, he suggested that the "Mayor and Council" Golf Tournament be used to raise money for community grants – and that a committee be established to oversee the granting process.

Murphy promised to provide a draft policy, for an upcoming meeting of Council.

More appointments to Committees

In a Closed Door session on February 3, BWG Town Council made a number of additional appointments to committees.

Appointed to Development Evaluation: Councillors Mark Contos, Peter Ferragino, Peter Dykx, Jr., and Deputy Mayor James Leduc; residents Stephen Dykx, Cor DenBleker, Angie Wright, Ryan Charon, John Flanagan, Ann

MacKinnon, Alf Cavallo, Milania Brkovich, and a rep from the Bradford Board of Trade.

Appointed to the BWG Heritage Committee: Councillor Ron Orr, Mayor Rob Kellner, Ian Cooper, Jennifer deWinter, Roseann Beintema Sara Allen, Diane Mills, Brenda Wintley, Lynda Usher, Craig Cunningham, Franz Aschwand and Munawar Chaudry.

Super Bowl R.I.D.E.

South Simcoe – South Simcoe Police Traffic & Marine unit conducted an "Enhanced R.I.D.E." program on Sunday night, targeting Super Bowl celebrations.

Some of the celebrations started early. Around 5:24 p.m., a 49 year old Keswick man failed a roadside screening test, after being pulled over on Yonge St. In Inuit, and was arrested for Over .080. Ten minutes later, at the same location, a 21 year old Bradford man was pulled over; officers demanded a roadside screening test, after detecting an odor of alcohol on his breath. He also registered a Fail. Both were taken to North Division, where further breath testing confirmed that they were over the legal limit. They were charged with Over .080, their licences suspended for 90 days, their vehicles impounded, and they face a court date of Feb. 19.

Later in the evening, officers conducted spot checks on Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. Around 7:30 p.m., a 47 year old Bradford man was stopped, and a roadside screening test registered a WARN. About 20 minutes later, a 41 year old Bradford man was

stopped and asked to provide a roadside test after officers detected an odor of alcohol. He also registered a WARN. Both got 3-day licence suspensions and had their vehicles impounded.

Obstruct Police

South Simcoe Police were called to a motor vehicle collision on Sideroad near the 14th Line of BWG on January 29. An officer arrived to find a vehicle had lost control and entered a ditch. The driver was unable to provide ID, but verbally identified himself; after investigation, the officer realized that the 72 year old Toronto man had lied and was providing a false name. The man was arrested for Obstruct Justice; police later learned that his licence had been suspended for an impaired driving conviction.

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CRANBERRY CHICKEN

Put 4-6 chicken breasts in a casserole.

Over the pot, put the following mixture:

- 1/4 cup chopped onion 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1 can Ocean Spray Whole Cranberry Sauce
- 1/4 cup ketchup 2 Tbsp. Lemon Juice
- 2 Tbsp. Brown sugar 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 Tbsp. Mustard 1 Tbsp. White vinegar Salt & Pepper

Cook in a 325°F oven for 1-1 1/2 hours, basting periodically.

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EAGLE BRAND UNBAKED CHEESECAKE

Prepare a graham wafer crust:

Mix together and pat into 9" pie plate:

- 1 1/2 cup graham wafer crumbs (regular or gluten free)
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup melted butter

Chill while making the filling.

FILLING: Mix together: 1/4 Eagle Brand (or similar brand) Sweetened condensed milk

- 8 Oz Cream Cheese, softened to room temperature
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Pour into the prepared crust and chill.

At serving time, using only part of a can of Cherry Pie Filling, spread pie filling in the middle of the pie, an inch from the edges.

NOTE: Add a few drops of Almond extract to the cherry pie filling to enhance the flavour. Enjoy!

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Council sends back Police Budget

On February 3, it was Bradford West Gwillimbury Council's turn to hear the BWG-Innisfil Police Service Board present the South Simcoe Police Budget for 2015 – one week after Innisfil Council rejected the Operating Budget and sent it back to the Board for reconsideration.

It remained for Board Chair Sharon Villani and Vice Chair Red Hicks to try to explain the increase to Council, and the "issues" that have driven up the Operating Budget by approximately \$500,000 over 2014, despite cost-saving measures introduced in previous years.

The Board's goal is to provide "adequate and effective" policing and maintain existing service levels, despite the pressures of growth, Villani told Council. Among the issues coming to a head in 2015: the potential retirement of up to 40% of the policing complement – and 100% of Senior staff – by 2020; the collective agreement that eliminated "banked time" from future contracts which required a 3-year buy-out at \$125,000 per year of the "unfunded liability"; an unexpected increase in court security costs demanded by the province – even while provincial funding dropped another \$13,000; and the need to upgrade the Information Technology used by the force.

"We haven't hired any new officers in 4, 5 years, despite the growth," Chair Villani pointed out. The Board included several "replacement" hires in 2015, although the exact dates of staff retirements aren't known; the result is an admitted overlap in salaries.

As for the new IT "Niche" system, she said, "We needed it, we needed the device. It was something we couldn't delay funding or acquiring, although it added \$137,000 to the Operating Budget."

Police Chief Rick Beazley noted that the current system used by South Simcoe is not compatible with other Police Services. "We can't talk to any other Police service through the computer," he said; the Niche system will give officers compete computer access, mobile access, and IT Support – and "enhances our investigative ability."

The South Simcoe Police Budget for 2015 includes a \$641,200 Capital Budget, and an Operating Budget of \$16,026,958 – less provincial Court Security funding of \$96,141, bringing

Operating to \$15,928,817.

Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil share the costs, with BWG paying 50% of Capital and 46.53% of Operating, for a total of \$7,778,444. Although the budget is up from 2015, once growth in assessment is factored in, the amount payable per BWG household will go down by 0.52%.

"I see a decrease, but I also see an increase in what was promised," said Councillor Gary Lamb, referring to the 2013 forecast that predicted a 2015 Operating budget of \$15,453,178 – the "committed amount" identified by Innisfil Council in its motion.

"I sat here with the Police Costing in 2013, and the Board guaranteed some figures," said Deputy Mayor James Leduc, asking why the Board was now coming back with the higher figures. The 2013 forecast was "developed by staff," Villani replied. "The forecast wasn't deliberated by the Board. The Board did not promise anything in 2013... The Chief gave assurances that it was based on their best information, and it was. That was 2 years ago" – and the information has changed.

"You have to understand the position of the Board. The Board can't be held back by a political motion. The Board has to make decisions," to ensure the safety of the public, she said. Leduc took exception to her comments, pointing out, "You were there. You were at the table. The Board was aware of the numbers."

"It was a true forecast. It was legitimate... but we have a few issues," Villani replied.

Chief Rick Beazley acknowledged the "very clear mandate on the part of the Board to cut costs, for cost containment... We've actually had significant savings," which will total well over \$1 million by 2017. The Police Service has introduced a long-term plan "that will save in the end – but we told everybody that 2015 was going to be a bad year, because of the transition," he said.

Leduc was not convinced. He supported the Capital Budget, but said, "You're still up \$500,000 in the Operating Budget. The Budget is way over what we were guaranteed in the past... This 'ask' is just a little bigger than what I am prepared to support." Councillor Lamb asked how the Board was planning to respond to Innisfil Council's request, noting "Somehow we have to come to some

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our editorial

Better service for Seniors?

On January 20, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council endorsed a pilot project grant application, asking for funding to establish a Seniors' shuttleservice, using one of the Town's Transit buses.

Mobility is a key issue for many seniors, especially when driving becomes an issue. But it's more than access. It's also a matter of affordability, convenience, and independence. Seniors need a reliable service that is not only affordable, but flexible, that gives them options, and opens the doors to opportunities for social interaction.

We're not sure the proposed shuttleservice will address those needs effectively - and we're not sure that other organizations aren't already providing the same service. CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) has a transportation service, and the new volunteer group, We Are For Our Community, launched

a Community Ride for Seniors on January 1.

Perhaps the pilot might address other needs in the community - assisting those with disabilities, for example, who have so many fewer options for transportation, or the guest Agricultural Workers in the Holland Marsh. A service to bring farm workers into Town to shop, and then back to their residences, in the evenings, would offer a unique service that would also help connect the workers with the greater community.

We recently spoke with a senior, who had an issue that can only be addressed by the private sector. Still driving, she finds the self-serve gas pumps present a severe hardship in winter - and wondered why a gas station couldn't offer one full-serve pump, or at least offer assistance to those who need it...

Sending back the Police budget

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kind of agreement."

We need to follow the process under the Police Services Act," Villani said. "You (BWG and Innisfil) as municipal partners need to come together and bring back to the Board an overall budget. You need to focus on what's needed today... Then the Board will deliberate and the Board will decide how they can manage that funding envelope, if feasible."

Deputy Mayor Ledue presented a motion that referred the Capital budget to the next Council meeting for approval, but sent the Operating budget back to the Police Services Board, with a reference to the 2013 budget forecast.

Although the motion mirrored Innisfil's, Ledue said it was not a final figure, but a step to open discussion with Innisfil Council.

"We will work with Innisfil and hopefully will get this resolved... We want to meet with Innisfil and eventually come up with an answer," he said.

The motion passed unanimously, although Councillor Gary Baynes warned, "I'd hate to see it impact the NICHE system," or the upgrades to Police information technology.

"I think Council wants to work with you guys on this," Councillor Peter Ferraguto told the PSB. "Council just wants to save more money."

Canada's Maple Leaf Flag turns 50

February 15 is National Flag Day - and this year, the beloved red and white Maple Leaf flag turns 50.

There has been little fanfare from Ottawa, but the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is planning a celebration, and a flag-raising of the Maple Leaf at the Bradford Courthouse at noon on Sunday, February 15. The community is invited to attend, and salute the Red and White.



The Bradford Branch of CIBC celebrated Customer Appreciation Day on January 30, on the theme of "Social Media." Customers were not only treated to coffee, bottled water, cupcakes and fresh fruit, they were invited to go online and visit CIBC's Facebook page, and "Like" CIBC. Liking the site transported them to a special page, where they were asked to guess the location of CIBC mascot Percy the Penguin, for a chance to win one of two prizes of 500,000 Aventura points - enough to fly anywhere in the world! Above, Bradford staff, Percy the Penguin, and customer Danny Mata.

letters to the editor

Inclusive and respectful

To the editor: Much has been said on social media and in major newspapers across Canada about the outrageous Paris attack on Charlie Hebdo. While everyone has condemned the attacks, Muslims and non-Muslims alike, some have republished the offensive cartoons in a show of solidarity, and other have posted not to. The Toronto Star released a statement outlining their decision not to publish the cartoons, and of course they met with some backlash from among their own, like columnist Rosie D'Manno.

However, one of the Star's own editorial cartoonists, Theo Moudakakis, "agreed with the Star's principled stance not to reprint the Charlie Hebdo cartoons, concurring that even editorial cartoonists must draw the line somewhere."

Moudakakis added, "We are a very different society and culture than Charlie Hebdo. Respect for fellow humans supersedes any need to offend. We are not Charlie Hebdo, we are the Toronto Star."

As a Muslim woman raised in Canada, I have to tell you I am just blown away by the Toronto Star and other news agencies who did not republish the cartoons in a show of respect for their fellow Canadian Muslims.

We are indeed a very different society and culture than Paris. A week after the Paris attack, I had my first meeting at the school board as a member of the Parent Involvement Committee. A complimentary dinner is provided, and this time the meat dish was pulled pork. Before I even had time to fill my plate, I had three amazing individuals come up to me and inform me that the main dish was pork, and apologize for not having consulted with me earlier regarding my dietary restriction. (Muslims do not eat pork, you know!)

Again, I was blown away by the kindness and consideration of my fellow Canadians. I don't my new friends that they need not worry as

I needed to diet anyway, and I was fine with eating a healthy salad and some bread. They said they would be happy to accommodate me in future.

I am truly blessed to be living in Canada! A society where we may come across some ignorant bigot per chance, there are far greater chances of coming across Canadians who are inclusive, respectful and bold enough to take a stand on the right side of morality.

Always will be proud to be a Canadian!
Sadaf Shah, Bradford

Memorial for Rev. Osler

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, located at 56 Hean St. in Bond Head, is holding a Memorial Divine Liturgy for Rev. Canon Featherstone Osler on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Rev. Featherstone Osler, father of St. William Osler, settled in the area in 1837, and founded Trinity Anglican Church in 1839 - the church that eventually became the home of St. Catherine's parish.

The Liturgy is offered for the repose of Canon Osler each year on the anniversary of his death. All are invited. Coffee and sweets will be served in the parish hall after the service.

Rev. Canon Featherstone Osler and his wife Ellen arrived from England in 1837 - in time for the Upper Canada Rebellion, led by William Lyon Mackenzie. There were centres of rebellion in Lloydminster and Sharon-Hope, but Rev. Osler was a staunch supporter of the Crown, and reportedly "rode late into the night, giving intelligence, stirring up the men and quieting the women," and alerting Lt. Governor Sir Francis Bond Head of the uprising. Later, when the post office opened at Hwy. 88 & 27, he suggested the name "Bond Head" for the community, in honour of the defender of the crown.



The Lefroy - Belle Ewart Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion held its annual Robbie Burns Dinner on January 24, in honour of Scotland's National Poet, born January 25, 1759. A lone piper led in the dignitaries - and piper Mike Robb piped in the Haggis, "Great Chieftain o the Puddin'-race." Here, Raymond Hayes recites Burns' "Address to a Haggie." The author of "Auld Lang Syne" also wrote: "Here's freedom to him who would speak. Here's freedom to him who would write. For there's none ever feared that the truth should be hard, save he who the truth would indict."

Hearts at the Bradford Legion

Dart lovers take note: The 2nd annual Frank Lotto Dart Tournament takes place Saturday, February 7 at the Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, with registration between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and play at 11 a.m. sharp. Four person teams; entry is \$40 per team. There will be lots of prizes, and 100% pay back. Lunch is available. To pre-register or for more info call Frank Brooks, 905-775-0008 or Rick Clelland, 905-252-5588.

Note: Euchre, usually held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, will be cancelled for the month of February. On the 3rd Saturday, (Feb. 21), the Legion will be hosting a Dart fundraiser for Elite Dance Corps.

At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd. For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612 - or visit danubeseniorsleisurecentre.webs.com Coming up:

Seniors Health Seminar - Thurs., February 12. A presentation by Maria Gibbons, from Silver Cross - demonstrating nifty assistive devices, including grabbers and jar openers, that can help Seniors maintain their independence! Presentation at 11

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Now, the definition of "Veteran" has been broadened to include RCMP officers or any Peace Officer on a special duty operation. Contact Veteran Services Officer Sean Griffin at 705-251-0208.

Friday Night Social Time! Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Legion. Culinary Arts Students of Bradford District High School serve up dinner for a moderate fee, followed by music and camaraderie. The Public is welcome to attend.

a.m., followed by a light lunch for only \$6 for members, \$7 for non-members.

Pancake Tuesday! The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre serves up a Pancake & Sausage Brunch on Tuesday, February 17, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

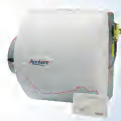
Birthday Lunch on February 19 will feature Roast Turkey, gravy, dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetables - and a surprise dessert! Only \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. Tickets at the door, at 11:30 a.m.

CHATS Walk for Wellness

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) holds its biggest fundraiser of the year this Sunday, February 8 - the 6th annual Walk for Wellness, supporting programs and services for seniors in York Region and South Simcoe. The Walk will be taking place at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, and this year will welcome as its celebrity walker, figure skating great Elvis Stojko. Walkers can register online at walkforwellness.ca or visit the website to sponsor a walker.

The event is not only a fundraiser, but a way to raise awareness of CHATS' services, its volunteers, and the Sns. and caregivers who use its programs.

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Sharing the "dip" is the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation. The 4th annual LSCF "Freezin' for a Reason" Polar Bear Dip raises money for restoration, protection and educational programs and projects of the LSRCFA. To sign up, see www.lakesimcoefoundation.ca/event/4th-annual-freezin-for-a-reason-polar-dip/. Dippers are asked to raise a min. of \$200 each - \$150, if part of a group.

Naturalists meet

York-Simcoe Naturalists meet at River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave in River Drive Park (north of Holland Landing, off the Queensview SR). On Tues., Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Andrew McCannion, of the Ontario Headwaters Institute, will talk about The Importance of Headwaters.

Source Protection Plan approved

The drinking water Source Protection Plan for South Georgian Bay-Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region received approval from the Ministry of Environment on January 26 - to take effect on July 1, 2015.

The 22-member Committee that developed the plan, under the chairmanship of Innisfil Deputy Mayor Lynn Dollin, has been working on the Plan since 2007, to ensure safe and secure municipal drinking water supplies for the Region's more than 700,000 residents. The Plan area covers 52 municipalities, 3 First Nations communities, and 16 municipal water supply systems - including 278 municipal wells - that serve about 80% of the population.

There are also approximately 50,000 private wells in the region, which are not part of the Source Protection Plan. Private wells are "the responsibility of homeowners, institutions and businesses... regulated separately under the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Health Protection and Promotion Act." The Committee identified 21 potential risk situations - including hauled sewage, septic beds, wastewater management plants, stormwater, agricultural applications and handling of pesticides, commercial fertilizer and manure; road salt application, salt storage, chemicals including organic solvents, and fuels. The Plan requires action, to manage and reduce risks. The Plan identified at-risk properties

in all municipalities, in wellhead protection areas, intake protection zones, highly vulnerable aquifers, and significant groundwater recharge areas. The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is in a unique situation, having decommissioned all of its municipal wells with the exception of the 2 Church wells, which are located in King Twp. The remainder of the BWC water supply is lake-based, utilizing the Lakeshore Water Treatment plant on Lake Simcoe - in Innisfil.

Bradford West Gwillimbury is working with both York Region and Innisfil to ensure source protection.

The source protection plan can be viewed at www.ourwatershed.ca

The entire process was prompted by the tragedy in Walkerton, in May 2000, when 2300 people were made ill and 7 died, as a result of contamination of the municipal water supply with the bacteria, E.coli 0157. The O'Connor Report recommended "multiple barriers" to keep contamination from reaching the people. The Province has already introduced measures that create those barriers, in water treatment, distribution, monitoring and strategic response; source protection is the final barrier.

Provincially, 11 of 22 Source Protection Plans have been approved, protecting a total of 154 municipal water intakes and 987 municipal wells across Ontario. The remainder are expected to be approved in 2015.



Little Abby Eveson is out of the hospital, following her latest round of surgery, and back home with her family in Schomberg. So there was a sense of hopeful celebration at the #We Believe in Abby fundraising concert held at Don Cherry's Sports Grill, Jan. 30 - even though she's not out of the woods. The toddler has a rare congenital heart defect; she was born without her main pulmonary artery. Abby had her first surgery only 14 hours after her birth, her most recent this fall.

Through it all, parents Craig and Becky have done their best to surround their daughter with an aura of love and positive energy. "We're not overly religious," says Craig, but they felt it was important to create a positive vibe - a wave of goodness and caring, surrounding Abby. They began "paying it forward" with random acts of kindness.

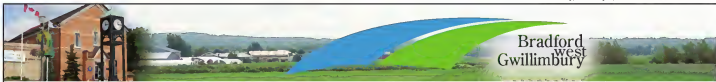
"It made me feel good, helping me deal with it," Craig explains - and quickly caught on with others who knew the family, or learned of Abby's fight. "It did snowball on us," he says. "We started for our own piece of mind, and people caught on. The only thing we ever ask is that people be nice to each other, create a nicer world... We don't know how long we have with Abby. If that's her legacy, I'm alright with that."

Photo: Craig Eveson, right, and Ron Orr at fundraiser.

NEXT WEEK!

Look for the Bradford West Gwillimbury Spring/Summer 2015 Leisure Guide in the February 12th issue

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com.

For further information or to request a deputiation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

• Tues. Feb 17/18 / 3:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

UPCOMING BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Library Board
Mon. Feb 23 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

Police Services Board
Mon. Feb 23 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room, 425 Holland St. W.

Committee of Adjustment
Wed. Feb 25 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room, 425 Holland St. W.

COMPETITIVE BID

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Request for Quotation
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NOTICES

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*Child spending available from
8:45-12:00pm



Location: BWG Leisure Centre 471 West Park Ave
Bradford ON, L3Z 0J3

Goal: \$1500

Registration: In person at the fitness centre (3rd floor) or

Online at: www.heartandstroke.ca

\$20.00* Early Bird Registration up to February 13, 2015
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\$25.00* at the door - spots based on availability

*an additional \$20.00/hour following 1 hour of participation
*Must be 14 or older to participate



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Saturday, February 7 • 1:15-3:00pm • BWG Leisure Centre

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www.bwgleisurecentre.ca



Important Notice 2015 Property Tax Bills

The 2015 Interim property tax bills are being mailed out during the last week of January 2015. Tax bills were issued for each of the following tax classes: residential, multi-residential, commercial, industrial, pipeline, farm and managed forests. The due dates are the same for all tax classes, first instalment due February 25, 2015 and second instalment due April 28, 2015. Please note these bills represent no more than 50% of the previous year's annualized taxes levied.

Please note that the tax bills were printed prior to the February 1, 2015 penalty and interest being charged and only reflect payments received up to January 23, 2015. Any arrears/past due amounts included on the first instalment stub of this tax billing will be subject to additional interest if not paid by January 31, 2015.

Owners of newly constructed homes may receive a tax bill for the value of the vacant lot only, until the home is assessed. Once the home is assessed, you will receive a supplementary/omitted tax bill for the taxes on the value of your home. This process may take up to 3 years and the taxes due will be retroactive to your date of occupancy. For an estimate of your annual taxes, multiply the purchase price of your home by the current tax rate (2014 tax rate was 0.01141131) or contact the Finance Department at 905-775-5303.

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Friday, Mar 6 from 4 - 5pm - Friendship Bracelets

Drop-in, Game On

Friday, Feb 13 & Feb 27 from 3:30 to 5pm
Board games for ages 12-19

Youth Entrepreneurs

Money Marketing and Mistakes (registration required)
Monday, Feb 19 from 7 - 8:30pm

Teen Book Club

Wednesday, Feb 25 from 4 - 5pm

Conversational French

Wednesday, Mar 4 from 4 - 5pm



For details and more teen programs:
http://www.bradford-brancon.ca/?page_id=91

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A Fox on the Fairway, in Cookstown

South Simcoe Theatre presents... **The Fox on the Fairway**, a "madcap adventure about love, life, and golf" at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, February 5 to 22.

The farce, by Ken Ludwig, is described as a "hilarious romp" filled with mistaken identities and over-the-top shenanigans - the perfect antidote to winter.

The show stars a great cast of local actors, including Baron Watson from Phelps as Bingham, the president of the Country Club - and Bradford resident Sue Pyle

as his wife, Muriel. Barrie actors Heather Dennis and Richard Varty are young lovers Louise and Justin, Shanty Bay's Peter Hillmer is Bingham's golf nemesis Dickie, and Mary Graham, also from Barrie, is the sex-starved club VP, Pamela. Note: contains mild sexual innuendos! Performances at 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are only \$18 each, available at 705-458-4432. For more information see www.southsimcoetheatre.com



Photo by Keith Sherman. From left, Baron Watson, Richard Varty and Heather Dennis, in *Fox on the Fairway*.

February is totally Bradfordlicious

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4 The Halibut owner, Tania DaSilva was delighted to host the launch of the festival, and unveil her Bradfordlicious menu - offering a choice of Sweet & Spicy Carrot Soup or Salad; entrees that include a Western Sandwich, Gyros on Pita, or Greek Omelet for lunch, and Fish & Chips, Pork or Chicken Souvlaki, or an OSSB Burger (topped with onion rings, sautéed mushrooms, bacon and cheese) for dinner, followed by dessert of Baklava or Rice Pudding. There is even a vegetarian option available. "I believe in the community," Da Silva said, inviting residents to come out and try the food, on the regular menu or the Bradfordlicious specials. "I love the people, I love good food, and the combination goes hand in hand."

Participating restaurants are 1812 Grillhouse, Wimpy's Diner, Akita Sushi, Big Momma's Soul Food, The Tin Roof, Lusitano's, Coffee Culture Eatery & Café, La MexiCanada, Don Cherry's Sports Grill, San Francisco Foods, Joe's Bar & Restaurant, 4 the Halibut, Canton Mexican Grill, Hero Burger, and Bangkok Saigon Noodle. Reservations are strongly recommended for Bradfordlicious - some restaurants are reporting that they are already booked up for some Saturday nights in February.

Note: The Bradfordlicious fixed price menu does not include drinks, taxes or tips. Some restaurants are not offering Bradfordlicious on Valentine's Day, so call ahead! For details, see Bradfordlicious on Facebook or visit www.bradfordlicious.com

February is Heart Month

Valentine's Day is coming... and Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket invites shoppers to participate in the *Sealed With A Kiss (SWAK) campaign for Heart*. Until Feb. 15, apply a fabulous shade of red lipstick, then kiss your hand, a friend, a mug - and take a photo of your SWAK print, posting it to Twitter or Instagram tagged as #SWAK4Heart. The Mall will make a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation for each "kiss mark" posted to social media and tagged #SWAK4Heart, for the first 1,000 kisses.

Green Connections presents *Laughology*, a documentary by Director Albert Nerenberg on Laughier Yoga and Laughterize. At the Hope-Sharon United Church, 1868 Leslie St., on Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m. No registration required. Admission is by donation. Door prizes.

GNC Live Well and Anytime Fitness present *Party Hard for Heart*, a fundraiser for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, on Saturday, February 7 from 4 to 9 p.m. Admission is free but entry fee for the Cardio Dance Contest, Bench Press Competition and 5K Spin Bike Race, is \$5. Great prizes, refreshments, live DJ and fun! *Party Hard for Heart* takes place at Anytime Fitness, 465 Holland St. West, Unit 1.

Pamper Yourself Simply For Life is hosting a free event to nourish the

body, mind and soul, at 157 Holland St. East, 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 7. Massage, Make-up by Mary Kay, Giddy Yo Yo chocolates, essential oils aromatherapy, and more - plus a chance to win a luxurious gift basket. RSVP at 905-778-9998.

The 8th annual City-wide *Fitness Challenge for the Heart & Stroke Foundation* takes place Saturday, February 7, from 9 a.m. to noon - 3 hours of activity, led by top instructors in Sport Cardio, Boot Camp, Zumba and more, at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Dr. in Newmarket. Register online at fitforheart.ca, individually or as a team. Minimum donation to participate is \$25 per person; fundraising is encouraged. For more information, contact Julia Holt at 905-853-6355 or jholt@hsf.on.ca

The inaugural *BWG Megathon for Heart & Stroke* will take place Saturday, February 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at the BWG Leisure Centre, and include a Yoga-thon, Spin-a-thon and Walk-a-thon. Register in advance online at www.fitforheart.ca. Minimum entry fee of \$20 will buy two 36-minute blocks of time - or pay \$25 at the door, if there is space. Each additional hour will cost \$10. Childminding will be available for participants, from 8:45 a.m. to noon. The goal is to raise \$1500.

Especially for Valentines...

Trinity Anglican Church is hosting a Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 14, featuring the band, *The Crusaders*. At the Bradford Community Centre; doors open at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include great Door and

Spot prizes, a Light Buffet at 10 p.m., and a fabulous Silent Auction table. Tickets are \$20 per person, available at 905-775-3134.

Bradford's Shoppers Drug Mart store, 140 Holland St. West, is hosting an *Instore Gala on Valentine's Day*, Saturday, February 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - featuring make-up makeovers, tips, lot bags, refreshments and prizes. Drop in to sign up. Free!

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd., and Our Lady of Fatima Committee host a Valentine's Dinner & Dance Saturday, February 14. Doors open at 6 p.m.,

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O Valentine!

The origins of Valentine's Day

By Lindsay Bray, Toronto to District Christian High School intern

Valentine's Day. A whole day dedicated to showing your loved ones, spouse or 'significant other' how much you love and care for them. But who would have known that this holiday of love would have darker origins?

In ancient times, the Romans celebrated the Feast of Lupercalia, February 13 to 15, honouring the wolf Lupa who, according to their mythology, nurtured the two brothers, Romulus and Remus, founders of the city of Rome.

The celebration included some very 'interesting' traditions. Men would sacrifice a goat and dog, then whip women with the hides – and the women lined up to be whipped, as it was believed to promote fertility.

There was also matchmaking: men would pick the name of a young woman at random from a jar; the pair would be coupled until the end of the festival – or longer, if they wished.

During a time when Christianity was still being persecuted by the Romans, Emperor Claudius II executed a priest named Valentine, in 269 AD, possibly on February 14.

Claudius had banned marriage, believing that it resulted in divided loyalties. Young men would fight more valiantly, he believed, if they had no wife and family. Valentine continued to marry young couples, in spite of the Emperor's decree – and was martyred. He was proclaimed a Saint by the Catholic Church.

In the 5th century, when Christianity became legal and the main religion in Rome, Pope Gelasius attempted to 'expel' the pagan rituals and fertility celebrations of Lupercalia, and give the date a more religious tone, by proclaiming February 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

It didn't work out exactly as planned. Poets, including Chaucer and Shakespeare, romanticized the day through their writings, and St. Valentine became the patron saint of affianced couples, happy marriages, love and lovers.

Among the stories: While in prison awaiting execution, Valentine cured his jailer's daughter of blindness – and left her a note, signed, "Your Valentine," possibly the first Valentine's day card. It's a tradition that companies like Hallmark have embraced.

Music and the food of Love

The Blue Bridge Festival Choir is hosting a **Moving Feast** in Newmarket on Valentine's Day, February 14.

The *Overture* is a smorgasbord of appetizers at *Coverdale Tea & Coffee House*, where Artist Director Brenda Muller, on Cello, Susan Barak on violin and Catherine Maguire on Piano, will serenade diners, at 4:30 p.m.

The *Symphony* takes place at 5:30 p.m. – Surf & Turf at *Just Brunch*, Bass Larry Trow, soprano Cyndy Wallbank, and musicians from the Blue Bridge Academy Soloists, will perform great love songs from musical theatre.

The *Coda* is a Sweet Serenade of home-baked desserts (think chocolate!) at *Tea, Books & Things*, served with coffee and tea, and the tunes and poetry of members of the Blue Bridge Academy Soloists and York Region Writers Community, 7 p.m.

The *Grand Finale* is a Concert of

love songs, by the Blue Bridge Festival Choir and Soloists at 8:15 p.m., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 484 Water St.

Tickets for the Feast are \$40 each, a fundraiser for the Ardeleana Chamber Music Society. For tickets see bluebridgefestival.com or call 289-796-0130. The concert is open to the general public. Tickets \$20 each.

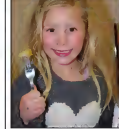
For Valentines

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dinner is served at 7 p.m. – followed by dancing to the band, Santa Fe. Another wonderful family event at the Portuguese Cultural Centre! Tickets are \$25 adults, \$12 for children 7 to 12 for members – \$30 adults, \$15 children for non-members. Contact Tina 905-775-4291, Paula 289-221-3278, Sara 905-775-4825 or Jean, 905-716-4723.

Photo: Tamsyn enjoyed the all-you-can-eat perogies at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church's famous Perogy & Rib Dinner, February 1 in Bond Head.

Coming up this weekend: Bond Head United Church's Roast Beef Dinner & Silent Auction, at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, 10 SR and the 8th Line, Saturday, February 7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$8 for kids 6 to 12, at the door.

Mark your calendar: Perogy Supper at St. Michael's Ukrainian Church on Sat., Feb. 21.



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community listings

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-free. For information contact cynthia.bradner@gmail.com or 647-234-3351.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thurs. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7-9 p.m. For information call 549-2331, speaker-success.org. All welcome.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS)

located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

FRI., FEB. 6

LAUGHOLOGY, THE DOCUMENTARY: A screening of the documentary at Sharon-Hope United Church, 18648 Leslie St. Presented by Green Connections, at 7 p.m. Door prizes. Admission is by donation.

MEMORIAL DIVINE LITURGY FOR REV. CANON FATHER STONE OSLER: At St. Catharine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite), 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head at 7 p.m. A Memorial Divine Liturgy marking the anniversary of Rev. Osler's death. Sister founded Trinity Anglican Parish in 1829 - the precursor of St. Catherine's. All welcome. Followed by coffee and sweets in the Parish Hall.

SAT., FEB. 7

NEWMARKET WINTERFEST: Saturday at the Newmarket Community Centre, Riverwalk Commons and Fairy Lake Park, starting with a Pancake Breakfast at the Community Centre at 8 a.m., followed by Family Bingo, Children's activities, bouncy castles, balloon

art - and outdoors at Fairy Lake, winter games, entertainment, skating, horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides and more. Free admission (nominal charge for some activities). Donations of non-perishable food for the local Food Pantry appreciated.

BARBIE WINTERFEST & FESTIVAL OF ICE: At Heritage Park and the Barrie water tower, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 8. Free admission, for horse-drawn wagon rides, dog sled rides (nominal fee), giant snow slide, ice maze, lumberjack shows, food vendors, Ice Sculptures and more. On Sunday, take a Polar Bear Dip in Kempenfelt Bay, at noon.

2ND ANNUAL FRANK LOTTO DART TOURNAMENT: At the Bradford Lions Club, 1550 Registration, 9:30 a.m., play begins at 11 a.m. sharp. Entry is \$40 per 4 person team, playing for prizes! Lunch is available. To pre-register or for more information, call Frank Clelland, 905-775-0008 or Rick Clelland, 905-252-5588.

BOND HEAD UNITED CHURCH CHURCH ROAST BEEF DINNER & SILENT AUCTION: Held at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 SR and 8th Line BWG in Bradford - wholly handicapped accessible! 4:30 to 7 p.m., \$16 adults, \$8 for kids ages 6 to 12. Tickets at the door.

PAMPER YOURSELF, AT SIMPLY FOR LIFE: Free event for women at the Simply Life, 157 Holland St. East 2 to 4 p.m. Pre-register at 905-778-9998 or on Facebook. Massage, Giddy Yo Yo Chocolates, Yoga, Meditation, Essential oils. Win a gift basket.

ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS: The Sim-

coe County Branch of the OGS meets at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane in Barrie. Topic is Genealogy: Another Genealogical Tool, with Jim Commandant. For more info, see simcoeogs.com

VALENTINE'S CRAFT: At the Elman Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, 2 to 4 p.m. Suitable for ages 12 and up - make a Victorian Lace Valentine. Cost is \$5.50 - no registration required, just drop in!

FITNESS CHALLENGE FOR HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION: At the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Dr. in Newmarket, 9 a.m. to noon - 3 hours of fitness activities led by top instructors. Minimum donation \$25 - a fundraiser for the Heart & Stroke. Register online at fitforheart.ca individually, or as a team. For more information contact Julia Holt, jholt@stn.on.ca

PARTY HARD FOR HEART: Anytime Fitness is sponsoring this fundraiser for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, 4:45 p.m. at the gym, 465 Holland St. W. Live DJ, prizes, contests that include Cardio Dance, Bench Press, 100 K Spin Bike. Admission is free - contest entry fee is \$5.

SUN., FEB. 8

ROBERTO ROSEMAN QUARTET IN CONCERT: A free concert in the parlour of the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, from 2 to 5 p.m. The Roberto Roseman Quartet plays Gypsy Jazz, as part of the Barrie Jazz & Blues Festival. Free - drop in. Light refreshments will be available at intermission.

HOLY MARTYRS OF JAPAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FEAST DAY: Celebrate the Feast Day of the Holy Martyrs - and the 75th Anniversary of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish in Bradford - at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Feb. 8, followed by a Luncheon. All welcome.

TUES., FEB. 10

YORK SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: Guest speaker Andrew McComman of the Ontario Headwaters Institute, on the importance of Headwaters, 7:30 p.m. at the River Drive Park in River Drive Park (off Queensville SR, north of Holland Landing).

Lug a mug for refreshments.

THURS., FEB. 12

MIND-BODY-SPIRIT AT THE LIBRARY: A free seminar at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Zima Room. Given Gittingham of Simply for Life presents, "Worship Your Body with Food" - using nutrition to fight off colds, infections and viruses. Free - no registration required. Bring your own tissues.

THORNTON OLDE TYME FIDDLER DANCE: Upstairs at the Thornton Arena, on County Rd. 77 at 7 p.m. All welcome.

SAT., FEB. 14

HOCKEY DAY IN B&W: At Bud Brown Memorial Park in Bond Head, and the Bradford Community Hall, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bond Head Lions' Pancake Breakfast starts at 8 a.m., Pond Hockey Tourney for Tyke and Novice teams at 8:30 a.m. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Bradford Community Hall, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bond Head Lions' Pancake Breakfast starts at 8 a.m., and a BBQ lunch at 12 a.m. All welcome to come out and watch. Also, free Masonic L.P. Child ID program in the hall, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

BARBIE ALL-STAR MODEL TRAIN SHOW: At Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery in Barrie, at the junction of Hwy. 90 and 27 Saturday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$7 adults, \$5 Srs. and Students, free for kids under 16. See vendors, model trains, working layouts and displays at the 45th Annual Model Train Show.

VALENTINE'S DANCE: Trinity Anglican Church presents a Dance featuring the live band, The Cruisers - at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Will include Door and Spot Prizes, a Light Buffet at 10 p.m., and a fabulous Silent Auction table. For tickets call 905-775-3134.

BRADFORD CURLING CLUB FAMILY DAY OPEN HOUSE: Families are invited to drop in by the Curling Club at 125 Simcoe Rd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an introduction to the great sport of curling. All equipment provided. Bring a clean pair of shoes to wear on the ice. Free. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

PLACES OF WORSHIP



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1406 Sarnia Rd., Bradford
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStrien
www.springdalecra.net

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Available
905-775-2512
bondheadunitedchurch.ca

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & Jenner St.)
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Sunday School Available
905-775-2200
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St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sideroad
(8th Line & Midwestern Blvd)
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Sports



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Puck drop on Appreciation Night at the BWG Leisure Centre, Feb. 1 Bradford Rattlers Captain Josh Willenborg, right, faces off with Bradford Bulls Captain Yuval Rosenthal, as Mayor Rob Keffer prepares to drop the puck, joined by (from right), Councillors Peter Dykile Jr., Ron Orr, and Gary Baynes, and Tanya Smoke.

A thank-you to Billets

It was an all-Bradford match-up at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre on February 1, when the GMHL Bradford Rattlers Jr. 'A' team took on the GMHL Bradford Bulls. Both teams practice on Bradford ice.

It was also Appreciation Night, and a salute to the local families that billet J.A. Players from around the world, who come to Town to play in Russell Hockey Enterprises' developmental league.

In a salute to the families, Mayor Rob Keffer and Councillors Ron Orr, Gary Baynes and Peter Dykile Jr., participated in a ceremonial puck-drop at the start of the game.

It was an evening designed to "recognize a very important part of our organization - that is, our Billets, who open up their homes," said Tanya Smoke, speaking to the many families in the audience. "This is a small way for the players to show some appreciation for everything you've done over the last year."

Smoke, who has herself provided

billeting for visiting players, is now on the Committee that encourages families to sign up and provide a home away from home for team members. The hockey game itself was fast-paced and action-packed - and saw the Rattlers win, 4-0.



Bradford's Jr. A Rattlers vs. Bulls, Feb. 1

Family Day Curling Open House

The Bradford Curling Club - located at 125 Simcoe Rd., beside the Bradford Community Centre - is hosting a **Family Day Open House** on Saturday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for families to drop in, and discover the great sport of curling. Learn the basics - all equipment provided, just bring a clean pair of shoes, to wear on the ice. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

For information see www.bradfordcurlingclub.ca

Awakening the Dragon Force

There's a new game in Town.

Dragon Force Academy is designed for kids who want to play soccer - but more than that, who want to make soccer part of their life, with the option of pursuing play in competitive leagues, continuing in varsity football, and even taking advantage of scholarship opportunities in the U.S.

The Academy started up in November, the brainchild of Luis Andre and Nelson Rocha - and grew out of personal experience.

For Luis Andre, soccer has been a factor in his life "ever since I was a little kid. I grew up here in the community. It's the passion I've always had... Anything that I have a passion for in my life, there's a connection with soccer."

He carried that to the university level, playing varsity soccer at Laurentian, eventually captaining his team. Eight years ago he began teaching at the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, and coaching that sport. "I wanted to give back - to inspire kids and provide them with opportunities," he says.

The Academy is designed to provide opportunities here in the Bradford community, through a European-style approach to training and development, and links to FC Porto of Portugal. "I felt kids were having to leave town if they wanted to be in the top of league, playing for scholarships," especially by the time the players were 15 or 16 years old, he says.

Dragon Force Academy starts with programs for 4 to 6 year olds, the "Little Dragons," and continues up to age 17. The focus is on "soccer development," says Rocha. "At the youngest age, we challenge them" - even at the youngest age, when it's all about "pure skill development, fun play, trying to give them that passion for the

ball."

The goal is to produce not only well-rounded players but "well-rounded individuals," Andre says - working with the parents, and providing academic support when needed. Volunteer tutors are available to work with the students, "to ensure that their grades are up... We work with them, we work with the schools."

"We're not just focussing on the soccer," Andre says. "Balance - that's a tough task for kids right now," the Academy helps "by giving them a routine, giving them



a schedule." Dragon Force Academy brings in international coaches, and is organizing international tours for players who are "at that level." The focus is on training during the week, with games on weekends. Starting in the summer, Dragon Force Academy

hopes to train 3 to 4 days a week, utilizing the Portuguese Cultural Centre fields. "Right now, we're training about 6 hours a week," says Rocha, at the Bradford Sports Dome.

"We try to run it like a school - a school of soccer," he says, providing parent-coach interviews and performance reports, helping the kids "not only to become better soccer players, but better people."

So far, about 70 kids have signed up for the Academy, and on January 30, dozens participated in a special P.A. Day Soccer Camp for elementary school students.

For more information on the Dragon Force Academy, see dfacademy.ca

Coming up: March Break International Soccer Camp, March 14-20, featuring coaches from FC Porto, and open to all young players. Register on line. The Academy is hosting a kick-off dinner at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford, on March 14.

Photo: Luis Andre, left, and Nelson Rocha.

Family Day Fun, on February 16

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave., is open to the public

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Family Day, February 16. There will be **free skating** on both rinks from 9:40 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., sponsored by **RBC Financial**.

The gym will be open for Parent & Toddler Time from 9:15 to 11 a.m., and Open Gym from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The aquatics centre will also be open for lane swimming and Parent & Tot swim, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - and for free leisure swimming from 1:15 to 3 p.m., sponsored by **Bradford Orthodontics**. For more information, contact 905-775-PLAY (7528), ext. 0, or leisurecentre@townofbwg.com

The Friends of Scanlon Creek host a day of Family Fun, outdoors at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area on February 16, starting at 10 a.m. Includes Kidsled Demonstrations and outings, guided Nature Hikes,

a Scavenger Hunt, games, bonfire and indoor

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Family Day Fun, on February 16

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crafts. Admission to the park, located off Line 9 of BWG just north of Bradford, is \$10 per vehicle – free with an annual pass to Scanton Creek. For more information contact Wanda Black at 905-895-1281, ext. 222.

Family Fun Day, Feb. 16 at the

Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 – Line 8 in Essa Twp., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Skating on the pond (weather permitting: bring your own skates), snow-shoeing, kick-sledding, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and ice fishing! Admission is \$5.

The **Innisfil Historical Society** hosts its annual Family Day

"Games Day" on Monday, Feb. 16 at the Knock Schoolhouse heritage site, 10 Sideroad at the 9th Line of Innisfil, 1 to 4 p.m. Guests of all ages are invited to drop in to play old-fashioned games!

The **Simcoe County Museum** holds its 6th annual Family Day

Extravaganza, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Includes the SnowShoe Challenge on the Museum's Orienting Course, beginning at 10 a.m. and the annual Sliding Through the Ages Toboggan Competition. Bring your favourite sled, and enter to win a prize for the Largest, Oldest or Strangest Toboggan,

beginning at 1:15 p.m. Also, play Snowsnakes, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Refreshments and lunch available. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for Seniors and Students, \$4 for Children – and free for preschoolers. The museum is located at 1151 Hwy. 26, north of Barrie. For more information call 705-728-3721 or visit museum.simcoe.ca

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Obituaries

COLLINGS, Phyllis - Peacefully passed away at her home, with family at her side on Monday, February 2, 2015. Phyllis Collings (nee Carter) of Orillia and formerly of Bradford at 91 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Ray. Loving mom of Carol (late Bruce) Perrin and late June Inglis. Proud grandma of Cyndi (Doug) Skresnek, Tracey (John) Wamboldt, Steve (Lauri) Hopkins, Donald Hopkins and Keith (Terri) Hopkins. Cherished great-grandma of Evan, Jason, Justin, Josh, Jessica, Tyler, Ryan, Cole and Owen. Dear sister of Mary (late Ron) Bannerman, late Ken (late Helen) Carter and late Douglas (late Shirley) Carter. Phyllis will also be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Friends may call at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford for visitation on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 1 p.m. until the time of a funeral service held in the Chapel at 2 p.m. Interment Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Bradford. In Phyllis' memory, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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-Thomas Campbell

Focus on the Arts

Vanishing Ice

The new exhibit at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection is fascinating, haunting – and timely, given current concerns over climate change.

Vanishing Ice: Alpine and Polar Landscapes from Art 1778 – 2012 brings together the works of artists, photographers and videographers, as well as explorers and scientists, all of whom have been attracted and inspired by the bleak yet "sublime" landscapes of the high mountains and extreme ends of the earth.

The show was put together by Dr. Barbara Matlick, curator of art at Whatcombs Museum in Washington State, and grew out of her doctoral dissertation exploring the fascination with frozen worlds that began in the 18th century, through the tradition of the Naturalist-Explorer. She traces the sense of connection to nature, through "the sublime and the romantic" in American and European art that continues today – even as those landscapes are impacted by climate change.

Dr. Matlick, when she looked at the historical and modern works, discovered "inadvertently, almost accidentally, a way to document those changes," says Rachel Weiner, Communications Co-ordinator at the McMichael. About 70 works by 50 artists, representing 12 countries, make up the body of the show. Some of the earliest images reflect the European craze for mountain climbing and Alpine exploration, and later, Arctic and Antarctic exploration. There are early images of glaciers, of interaction with Aboriginal people, of ice caverns, icebergs, and masted ships trapped in the ice.

In the modern images, technology intrudes – and the ice sheets retreat. Camille Seaman's "Grand Pinacelle Iceberg" from her *Last Iceberg* series is a haunting image of weathering ice in a limitless dark sea of open water.

And comparing Arthur Oliver Wheeler's photo of the Athabasca glacier in Jasper National Park, circa 1917, with the same view photographed by Gary Braasch in 2005, the impact of climate change is immediate: the ice has all but vanished, leaving behind rock and meadow.

"Hearing about it is wonderful and important, but I think an art show brings something different, in a way that the public can understand and really be engaged by it," says Weiner. "There's a mix of science and art, but ultimately it's more about the art – artists as a canary in the coal mine. They've been seeing and documenting these changes for much

longer than we've been aware of it."

It was Dr. Matlick's goal to not only capture the beauty and romanticism of the arctic and alpine landscapes, but the threats that face them. "She's really hoping that people will come, see this show, and really be moved by the images – and take action."

Staff faced a challenge in setting up *Vanishing Ice*, with its strong reliance on chronology. The series of halls at smaller galleries at the McMichael made it more difficult to present the show as originally intended.

Philosophically, though, "it's a good fit for the McMichael," Weiner notes.

"Part of the concern is the conversation between Art and Nature, and I think the show does that very well."

There is one omission that the gallery is addressing in its own way, and that's the lack of an Inuit perspective. The McMichael has undoubtedly added three works to the show – two iconic Arctic landscapes by Group of Seven artist Lawren Harris, and "Climate Change," a colored pencil drawing by Cape Dorset artist Tim Pitsookuk – but it's difficult to make changes in a show

"when it's coming from somewhere else and it's someone else's vision," Weiner says.

That's why the McMichael is presenting its own perspective, in a new exhibition, **Northern Narratives**. The show will also feature 70 works, directly focussing on the cultural interchange between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples in the North – including works by the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, and Inuit artists that include Pitsookuk, Pudlo Pudlat, and Napachie Pottoogook.

Vanishing Ice will be at the McMichael from January 31 to April 26; **Northern Narratives** from February 14 to May 17.

The McMichael has a number of complementary events planned, during the shows. The **Vanishing Ice Festival**, February 8 and 15-18, will feature snowshoeing hikes, live animal presentations, and the installation of *Melting Ice* – an installation of huge blocks of ice by Nepalese-American artist Jyoti Duttwadi, that will be reshaped as it melts.

On Sunday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m., the gallery hosts a talk by wildlife photographer Daisy Giliard and watercolorist David McEwen, who have jointly made 37 expeditions to the Arctic and 38 to Antarctica.

And on March 28, at 11:30 a.m., the speaker is Ryan Harris, senior underwater archaeologist with Parks Canada, talking about the recent discovery of the Franklin Expedition ship, *The Erebus*.

The McMichael is located in Kleinburg, at 10365 Islington Ave. For more information, see www.mcmichael.com

Submitted Photo: Adelines, by American artist Alexis Rockman, 2008. Oil on wood.



From left, artist Ingrid Schienke, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer, Meade Helman and Mikki Nanowski.

Bringing Art to bare walls, at the Mayor's Office

The office of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Mayor is in a rented space at 100 Disette St. The walls are beige, and the room overlooks shelving in the reception area – and, says new Mayor Rob Keffer, "The walls look pretty bare."

That's why, on January 23, the Mayor brought in a print of the Old Corner by artist Carol Sherrin that he purchased at a recent auction; and welcomed local artists Ingrid Schienke, Meade Helman and amateur enthusiast, Mikki Nanowski, who brought samples of their work to brighten the rented space.

Schienke's painting of a winter view of the Wood Farm, off the 8th Line; Helman's view of Fraser Creek, and Nanowski's expressionist interpretation of a Tom Thompson painting provided a splash of colour.

Mayor Keffer said that BWG Council had heard a presentation by the South Simcoe Arts Council on January 20, describing a number of initiatives – including an Art Rental program, leasing works by local artists to decorate businesses and civic spaces.

"I'm looking to have an Arts & Culture Advisory Committee," said the Mayor. "That could be one of their initiatives" – to promote local arts and culture by filling some of the Town's bare walls.

A SOYRA Showcase

The Aurora Cultural Centre hosts the SOYRA (Society of York Region Artists) Showcase, February 4 to 22. The gallery space is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat, and Sun, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Weds & Thurs. Admission is free. Note: The exhibit is closed Sunday, Feb. 15, but open on Family Day, Feb. 16. Opening Reception takes place Saturday, Feb. 7, 1 to 4 p.m.

Last call for Artists

Last call for artists and artisans interested in participating in the BWG Studio Art Tour, Sept. 18-20, 2015. Applications for this year's show & sale are available at www.bugstudiotour.ca or for more information contact info@southsimcoeartsandcouncil.com. Applications must include 3 jpeg. images of an original work for the brochure, and the \$100 entry fee.

